



American Communities Mark Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day May 7, 2019

WHAT:

The **Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Ceremony**, which has been held on Israeli Memorial Day (Yom Hazikaron) for the last fourteen consecutive years, comes to remind us that *War Is Not an Act of Fate - But a Choice of Man*. Our Memorial Ceremony transforms the traditional narrative of victimhood into a narrative of togetherness and hope. Israelis and Palestinians together acknowledge the pain of those living on the “other side” and strive to transform the violence into a society based on peace, justice and equality. Palestinian and Israeli bereaved families speak about their personal pain along with musical and artistic performances.

WHO:

Thousands of Israelis and Palestinians participate every year in this special event led and produced by **Combatants for Peace** with the collaboration of the **Parents Circle**. We invite Americans to mark this important day with us in their communities, by acknowledging the loss of life on both sides and to say that memorializing is not enough: we must act to end the circle of violence.

WHEN and WHERE:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 in your community: your synagogue, campus, living room, school or NGO meeting room.

HOW:

Invite your community and constituents to a selected venue on **Tuesday, May 7th** to:

- Watch the livestreaming of the Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Ceremony with English subtitles.
- Invite local speakers from your community to lead a discussion.
- OR: Join us at a Ceremony in **NYC or Washington D.C.**, along with the NIF, Friends of the Parents Circle and American Friends of Combatants for Peace.

WHY:

- There is a real, human cost of the conflict which often goes overlooked. This is an opportunity to bring attention back to the human side of the conflict.
- Shared grief is a concrete way to reconcile and help bridge societies.
- Show solidarity with Palestinians and Israelis who have chosen another way to end the occupation and bring peace.
- This Ceremony takes place following the traditional, national memorial ceremony. People are welcome to join both.

For more information and to receive the Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day Ceremony Community Toolkit:

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